

Appl. No. 09/903,131  
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**REMARKS**

Applicant is currently appealing from the rejection in the July 14, 2005 Office Action of claims 1 and 3-42. In this amendment, claim 42 is cancelled, without prejudice. The cancellation of claim 42 does not affect the scope of any other pending claim.

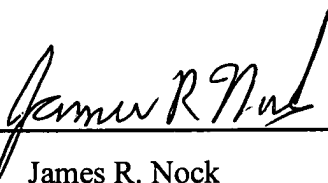
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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the remaining pending claims (i.e., claims 1, 3-41) are in condition for allowance and that the application should be passed to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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